

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-17, 30-40, 46 and 47 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 30, 46 and 47 are independent.

Objection to the Abstract

The Examiner previously objected to the term “comprises” in the abstract. [See Office Action of February 7, 2007, at p. 2.] Applicant previously amended the abstract to change the word “comprises” to “includes.” Applicant requests approval of this change.

Amendments to Claims 46 and 47

As amended, claim 46 and 47 now recite in part, “means for outputting the capability rating level.”

Applicant requests approval of these changes.

Request For Interview

If any issues remain, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney prior to issuance of the next Office Action in order to arrange a telephonic interview. It is believed that a brief discussion of the merits of the present application may expedite prosecution. Applicant submits the foregoing formal Amendment so that the Examiner may fully evaluate Applicant’s position, thereby enabling the interview to be more focused.

This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

Conclusion

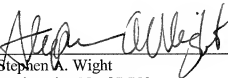
The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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